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Taste and Discrimination Shown by Different Nationalities-Until 1850 Anglo-Saxon Women Did Not Smoke Cigarettes Now It Is Almost Proper.

Despite the crusade led on the one side by tobaccophobiacs and on the other by enterprising American cigar dealers, the wicked cigarette still keeps on its career of conquering and to conquer. It is made and used in every land, and, according to some German statistician, enough are

some German statistician, enough are smoked every year to reach to the moon. Only of late years has the cigarette been used by women of the Anglo-Saxon race. As late as 1850 it was an unheard of thing for an English or American lady to use the dreaded article. Since then there has been a revolution in every respect. The cigarette is used universally in both Great Britain and the United States and in daily increasing quantities by the women of

The habit received official sanction in 1882, when the Princess of Wales first put them on the table at a large dinner party given to her own sex, and in this co when the wife of a president served them at a ladies' dinner at the White House. In other countries there is no such prejudice. Women and girls use them along side of their fathers and brothers. Never theless women do not smoke them exactly as men do. They are in the main more delicate and dainty. I spoke to a leading Broadway tobseconist yesterday, and he said: "Men smoke any cigarette that comes along and generally prefer those that are stronger or coarse. Only one man in 20 shows any judgment and chooses the finest varieties in the market.

"When women buy cigarettes, it is just the opposite. Nearly all want tobaccos as fine as those of Turkey or Egypt, and only one in ten cares for the harsher flavor of the American leaf."

"Mme, H. de le Croix, wife of Professo de le Croix, one of the distinguished forelgn representatives at the World's fair, has traveled very extensively and given this subject considerable thought. She said to me: 'If you take it the world around, women are much more fastidious in their smoking than are men. In Belglum, where I was born, the women fol-low the example of their French sisters, but not with the same abandon and grace.

"In France any number of women di sipate in this fashion. They enjoy a whiff with their coffee after a meal or during a friendly chat or an evening party. They prefer light cigarettes, but, strange to say, do not seem to care for mouthpleces do not seem to care for mouthpieces.

They have a very pretty kind, which, I
think, are homemade. They are wrapped
in rice paper, but are hardly any thicker
than a match. I have seen a few of this sort in Germany, but nowhere else.

'The Spanish women are inveterate smokers, but confine their choice to the to-baccos of Cuba and Porto Rico. They dislike the manufactured article and almost invariably roll their own. They use a flaky preparation, which can be readily put into proper shape. They also show considera-ble ingenuity in their selection of paper. Besides the white rice paper and cotton paper they employ tobacco paper and ma-terial flavored with chocolate, rose, vanil-la, musk and other perfuses.

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"The Portuguese are as much addicted to smoking as the Spanlards. They like the strong, black tobacco of Brazil and annually import of it large quantities.
The women are not as delicate in their smoking as are those of Spain and France.
The tobacco is so black that it discolors their teeth as well as their fingers and frequently induces the front teeth to decay.

"Along the African shore, in Algiers

and Tunis, both the native and European women indulge in the habit. They have a great variety to choose from. They grow a fair quality of tobacco in that country and make it into very passable cigarettes, and they also mix it with the American, Spanish and Turkish leaves. The native down in Turkish fashion and making a batch of cigarettes upon one of the low tables in use in that part of the world. They think nothing of rolling 50 or 100 at a single sitting. Some are hard smokers and do away with just as many as they

Egypt is devoted to the weed. Strangely enough, although the land grows tobacco, it is of such poor quality as to be used by none save the poorest. That which is employed both for home consumption and expertation to all parts of the globe comes from Roumania and Rou-

"'In China the trail of tobacco smoke is everywhere. Almost every Chinaman is well acquainted with the weed, and so are millions of the other sex. A Chinese lady is extremely exquisite in her enjoyment of nicotine. She will not touch the tobacco of her own land or of Japan, Sumarra or Manilla, but wants the finest varieties of American or English manufac-ture. Instead of rolling it in one paper she does it in two, so arranging the sheets that the lower one becomes a mouthpiece and the upper one a reservoir of the to-bacco. She smokes it almost to the last particle and then throws the mouthpiece away. The cigarette itself is very thin and the smoke light and cool. In this way she avoids staining her teeth or her hands. When she smokes, she washes it down with occasional drafts of hot tea. and when finished she employs a tongue scraper, a touthbrush and suchet powders still further cleanse her mouth. Wealthy Chinese ladies will have quite an outfit. There will be two or three handsome jars for holding the tobacco, a handsome matchbox, an ash cup, a little vase for holding the cigarette papers, a silver urn for the finished eigarettes, two or three small boxes for mouthpleces and a handsome salver of either metal or lacquer upon which all these things are served.

"The women of Japan are moderate smokers. They use Japanese tebacco, which looks like reddish brown sewing silk and is rather insipid and weak. They roll it, but not with the same grace as the Spaniards, and smoke it under the most acongruous circumstances. One is with the meal and the other when taking a bath. It is no uncommon thing for two Japanese ladies to be bathing in the same room, and to increase the pleasure of the occasion by using eigarcites from the time they enter the room until they leave it. They are exquisitely cleanly, these Japa-ness women, and bathe so many times a day in hot water that they never carry with them the familiar nicotine perfume. "-New York Herald.

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